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More Than 3,000 Students Impacted

New State CCC Director Visits Corps Energy Demonstration Project at Clovis School

Members of the California Conservation Corps will visit Jefferson Elementary School in Clovis Wednesday to finish up the last of 35 classroom energy demonstrations, interactive presentations funded by the School Energy Efficiency Program that have touched more than 3,000 Central Valley students since September.

State CCC Director Will Semmes, appointed to his position by Governor Schwarzenegger in September, will get a first-hand look at the classroom work during his first visit to the Fresno area as director.

Through the School Energy Efficiency or SEE program, corpsmembers received training in the use of SEE-funded mobile energy labs to share energy-saving technology and techniques with students in numerous Central Valley communities. The purpose of these classroom projects is for students to take what they've learned home to their families and communities.

Who: Four members of the CCC will get Clovis students involved in interactive energy efficiency and conservation demonstrations. The students are in the fifth grade class of teacher Margie Wright. Observing the energy education efforts will be State CCC Director Will Semmes.

What: Through three mobile energy lab stations, corpsmembers will work with the students to give them hands-on experience with different kinds of light bulbs, thermostats, motion detectors and timers. The fifth-graders will be able to "play" with the equipment and learn at the same time.

Where: Jefferson Elementary School
1880 Fowler Avenue, Clovis

When: Wednesday morning, November 17, 10:45 a.m. Corpsmember instruction should last about an hour.

The SEE program is administered by the California Integrated Waste Management Board and funded by California ratepayers under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission. The CCC is one of the program partners funded by SEE to circulate the mobile energy labs throughout the Central Valley. Local conservation corps in Fresno, Sacramento and Tulare County also participated.

The California Conservation Corps, a state department under the Resources Agency, hires young men and women between 18 and 25 for a year of natural resource work and emergency response. For more than 20 years the CCC's efforts have included energy auditing, retrofitting, light bulb distribution and other energy work; the Corps likes to say that "Conservation is our middle name."

Apart from the SEE Program, the CCC's Fresno Satellite has 45 corpsmembers from the local area who work throughout Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera and Tulare counties.

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